

105TH CONGRESS
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S. 647

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to limit consideration of nonemergency matters in emergency legislation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 1997

Mr. FEINGOLD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged

A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to limit consideration of nonemergency matters in emergency legislation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Spending
5 Control Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF EMERGENCY SPENDING.**

7 (a) EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency

1 Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by adding at the
 2 end the following new sentence: “However, OMB shall not
 3 adjust any discretionary spending limit under this clause
 4 for any statute that designates appropriations as emer-
 5 gency requirements if that statute contains an appropria-
 6 tion for any other matter, event, or occurrence, but that
 7 statute may contain rescissions of budget authority.”.

8 (b) EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.—Section 252(e) of
 9 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
 10 of 1985 is amended by adding at the end the following
 11 new sentence: “However, OMB shall not designate any
 12 such amounts of new budget authority, outlays, or receipts
 13 as emergency requirements in the report required under
 14 subsection (d) if that statute contains any other provisions
 15 that are not so designated, but that statute may contain
 16 provisions that reduce direct spending.”.

17 (c) NEW POINT OF ORDER.—Title IV of the Congres-
 18 sional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the
 19 end the following new section:

20 “POINT OF ORDER REGARDING EMERGENCIES

21 “SEC. 408. It shall not be in order in the House of
 22 Representatives or the Senate to consider any bill or joint
 23 resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report
 24 thereon, containing an emergency designation for purposes
 25 of section 251(b)(2)(D) or 252(e) of the Balanced Budget
 26 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 if it also pro-

1 vides an appropriation or direct spending for any other
2 item or contains any other matter, but that bill or joint
3 resolution, amendment, or conference report may contain
4 rescissions of budget authority or reductions of direct
5 spending, or that amendment may reduce amounts for
6 that emergency.”.

7 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
8 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
9 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-
10 serting after the item relating to section 407 the following
11 new item:

“Sec. 408. Point of order regarding emergencies.”.

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